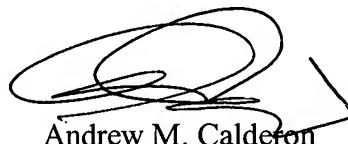


REMARKS

Claims 10-18 are currently pending in the application. By this amendment, claims 1-9 are cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. The specification is amended to provide cross reference to related application, U.S. Application Serial No. 10/115,141, which is now incorporated herein by reference. Examination on the merits is now requested. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below, if needed. Please charge any deficiencies in fees and credit any overpayment of fees to Attorney's Deposit Account No. 23-1951.

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